

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4 - 21 are pending in the application.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended.

Claim 3 has been cancelled.

Claims 4 – 21 have been added.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C.

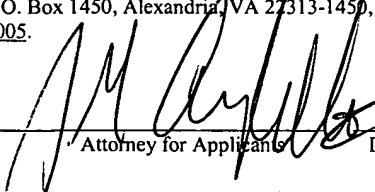
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Group I. Claims 1 and 2, drawn to estimation of component gating risk, classified in class 705, subclass 10.

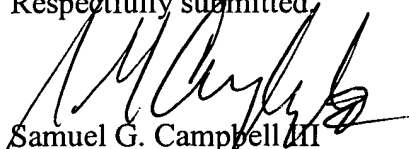
Group II. Claim 3, drawn to estimation of component shortage risk, classified in class 705, subclass 10.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, the applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1 and 2, drawn to estimation of component gating risk, classified in class 705, subclass 10.

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice to the subject matter disclosed therein.

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